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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
JONATHAN HUGHES  
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PRODUCT  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows  
prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this  
Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.